

Template for Précis Exercises

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1. A précis on an article for the specified date	
2. A first sentence that cites each of the following: a. Article title b. Publication and date c. Author(s) d. Example: In “Beyond the ‘Matrix’ Theory of the Human Mind” (<i>The New York Times</i>, 5/28/23), Ezra Klein...	
3. A first sentence that expresses the main claim of the article in the précis writer’s words	
4. Description of the author’s evidence (“author” refers to the author of <i>The New York Times</i> article)	
5. Description of the author’s purpose	
6. Description of the article’s audience	
7. A word count that observes length restrictions—140-175 for op-eds	
8. Control of grammar, spelling, and sentence structure	<u>Revision Reminders</u> Command Find and Replace or Delete: - get, things, it, these, helps, talks about, you, do, go, says, and contractions (spell out won’t to will not). - Replace YOU to → Our, We, Us, They, Them, or Specific Noun The changes above will make the tone of the essay more professional.

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1. A précis on an article for the specified date	"This Year Was the Beginning of a Green Transition"
2. A first sentence that cites each of the following: e. Article title f. Publication and date g. Author(s) h. Example: In "Beyond the 'Matrix' Theory of the Human Mind" (<i>The New York Times</i> , 5/28/23), Ezra Klein...	In "This Year Was the Beginning of a Green Transition" (<i>The New York Times</i> , 12/25/22), Leah Stokes argues
3. A first sentence that expresses the main claim of the article in the précis writer's words	that 2022 marked a critical turning point in the global shift from fossil fuels to clean energy, driven by crises such as extreme climate events.
4. Description of the author's evidence ("author" refers to the author of <i>The New York Times</i> article)	Stokes supports her claim by discussing key events like the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, which invested \$370 billion in clean energy infrastructure, and Europe's accelerated adoption of renewables following Russia's invasion of Ukraine (7-13). She also highlights technological advancements, noting that "as the world manufactures more solar panels, electric vehicles, and heat pumps, it will also learn how to make them more cheaply," solidifying long-term change (16).
5. Description of the author's purpose	Stokes's purpose is to show the lasting momentum behind climate progress despite setbacks and to inspire hope and awareness about the transition to clean energy.
6. Description of the article's audience	Writing for an audience concerned about climate change and policymakers, she uses an evidence-based, cautiously optimistic tone to engage and inform readers.
7. A word count that observes length restrictions—140-175 for op-eds	Word Count: 158
8. Control of grammar, spelling, and sentence structure	<u>Revision Reminders</u> Command Find and Replace or Delete:

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